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REMARKS

The indication of allowable subject matter in Applicant's claims is noted with appreciation.

The oral interview granted by Examiner Anderson was also greatly appreciated. By the present amendment, it is believed that all matters of form and substance are resolved, and that issuance of the application is in order.

The Examiner has required illustration of the top lock 26 and supporting rod in the drawings. This has been done in the manner illustrated in assignee's 1974 patents cited by the Examiner. Householder 3,804,294 and Bolen 3,783,986 and as specifically described in Applicant's specification at page 5 lines 6-9.

The Examiner has also required the front wall pivot language of the original claims and specification page 5 line 23 to be added to the claims. As discussed with Examiner Anderson, this also calls for reflection in the drawing. This has been accomplished by this amendment to the drawing, also using the illustrated hinge 43 construction Fig. 2 of assignee's patent 3,804,294 of 1974 as described therein at Col. 3, lines 33-40.

It is submitted that this drawing amendment illustrates matter described in the original claims and specification in a manner shown in the long expired prior art patents noted. As Applicant has noted, these now illustrated details are well known to engineers in the field.

The claim language suggested by the examiner in the Patent Office Action of October 9, 2003 has been reviewed. It has been modified slightly to more accurately provide antecedent basis for the relationship between the container frame and the base top frame, and as now presented, it is submitted to satisfy the Examiner's requested interlock addition and to

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place the claims 5, 6 and 7 (mentioned as 1, 2 and 3 in the PTO action of October 9, 2003) in
condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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